

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

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1. - 23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:  
an image capture unit;  
a memory adapted to store [[an]] a first image captured by [[an]] said image capture unit;  
a first superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a first character second image on the first image read from said memory;  
a second superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a second character third image on the first image read from said memory;  
a display unit adapted to display the first image on which the first character second image is superimposed; and  
an outputting unit adapted to output the first image on which the second character third image is superimposed to outside from said image processing apparatus,  
wherein the said image processing apparatus performs a process of rotating the first character second image according to a rotation of the image processing apparatus before the first character second image is superimposed on the first image.

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25. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the said image processing apparatus further performs a process of rotating the first image according to a rotation of the said image processing apparatus before the second character third image is superimposed on the first image.

26. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

an image capture unit;

a memory adapted to store [[an]] first image captured by [[an]] said image capture unit;

a first superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a first character second image on the first image read from said memory;

a second superimposing unit adapted to superimpose a second character third image on the first image read from said memory;

a display unit adapted to display the first image on which the first character second image is superimposed; and

an outputting unit adapted to output the first image on which the second character third image is superimposed to outside from said digital camera,

wherein the digital camera performs a process of rotating the first character second image according to a rotation of the said digital camera before the first character second image is superimposed on the first image.

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27. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to Claim 26, wherein the said digital camera further performs a process of rotating the first image according to a rotation of the said digital camera before the second character third image is superimposed on the first image.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an image processing apparatus including an image capture unit, a memory adapted to store [[an]] a first image captured by [[an]] the image capture unit, and a display unit adapted to display the first image, the method comprising the steps of:

a first superimposing step, of superimposing a first character second image on the first image read from the memory;

a second superimposing step, of superimposing a second character third image on the first image read from the memory;

a displaying step, of displaying the first image on which the first character second image is superimposed using the display unit;

an outputting step, of outputting the first image on which the second character third image is superimposed to outside from the image processing apparatus; and

a rotating step, of rotating the first character second image according to a rotation of the image processing apparatus before the first character second image is superimposed on the first image.

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29. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising a step of performing a process of rotating the first image according to a rotation of the image processing apparatus before the second character third image is superimposed on the first image.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a digital camera including an image capture unit, a memory adapted to store [[an]] a first image captured by [[an]] the image capture unit, and a display unit adapted to display the first image, the method comprising steps of:

a first superimposing step, of superimposing a first character second image on the first image read from said the memory;

a second superimposing step, of superimposing a second character third image on the first image read from said the memory;

a displaying step, of displaying the first image on which the first character second image is superimposed using the display unit;

a outputting step, of outputting the first image on which the second character third image is superimposed, to outside from the digital camera; and

a rotating step, of rotating the first character second image according to a rotation of the digital camera before the first character second image is superimposed on the first image.

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31. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 30, further comprising a step of rotating the first image according to a rotation of the digital camera before the second character third image is superimposed on the first image.